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MICHIGAN EXPANDS WATER PAYMENTS IN FLINT RECOVERY

Michigan extended and expanded coverage of water bills for residents of Flint to speed recovery from a health crisis caused by high levels of lead. To encourage water use, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder said the state will pay for 100 percent of water in the month of May. Previously, the state had covered 65 percent of the water portion of a resident's water and sewer bill. "Flushing the pipes is essential for restoring the city's water system and increasing the water quality in every home," he said. Water experts have said heavier water use by Flint residents would flush out lead particles and spread the needed chemical phosphates and chlorine that will better protect the system. **REUTERS**

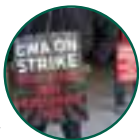


CUBA AND US OFFICIALS TO MEET NEXT WEEK TO DEEPEN DETENTE

Cuba and the United States will meet next week for a third round of talks on improving relations, the Cuban government said on Thursday, adding that the two countries were not yet negotiating their multibillion-dollar claims against one another. A bilateral commission will meet next Monday in Havana to evaluate progress made by the former Cold War foes in putting their decades-old conflict behind them, and to identify new areas of cooperation, said Gustavo Machin, the deputy director for U.S. affairs in the Cuban foreign ministry. "We will set the agenda for the rest of the year," Machin told a news conference. Cuba and the U.S. reestablished diplomatic relations a year ago and have signed agreements on issues of common concern such as the environment, postal services and direct flights. **REUTERS**

US JOBLESS CLAIMS HIT 14-MONTH HIGH

The number of Americans filing for unemployment benefits rose last week to a more than one-year high, but economists blamed striking telecommunications workers for the surge and said the data did not signal a deterioration in the overall labor market. Another report on Thursday showed import prices increased in April for a second straight month, suggesting the disinflationary impulse from a strong dollar and lower oil prices, which has helped to hold inflation well below the Federal Reserve's 2 percent target, was fading. Initial claims for state unemployment benefits increased 20,000 to a seasonally adjusted 294,000 for the week ended May 7, the highest level since late February 2015, the Labor Department said. **REUTERS**



US traffic deaths climb while NYC streets get safer

Mayor Bill de Blasio made New York the first city in the country to adopt "Vision Zero," an initiative aimed at ending traffic deaths.

The "Boulevard of Death" is getting a makeover, part of a New York City initiative that made 2015 the safest year on record for traffic accidents even as the number of roadway deaths nationwide shows a steep increase.

Engineers are redesigning a stretch of Queens Boulevard, which earned its notorious nickname due to the 185 people killed on the road over 25 years. Cars, bicycles and pedestrians are being routed into more clearly marked lanes with wider buffer zones between them, more stop signs and smarter parking rules.

Adopting a Swedish program known as Vision Zero, New York City officials are trying to eliminate traffic deaths through more than 100 initiatives that include curbing speed limits, boosting enforcement with speed cameras and high-profile ticketing campaigns, as well as



Queens Boulevard is sometimes known as the "Boulevard of Death" because of its reputation for fatalities. **GETTY IMAGES**

driver outreach and education.

Although 18 U.S. cities including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston and Washington already have put in place some form of Vision Zero, states and the federal government have lagged in their coordination and implementation of the latest safety measures, which is frustrating.

"It surprises many people who are involved in road safety that the richest, most successful nation on Earth allows many of its citizens to die because they don't take advantage of basic engineering," said Michael Woodford, chairman of the Safer Roads Foundation, which aims to reduce road casualties globally.

Because so many cities are new to Vision Zero, they lack the before-and-after data that New York has, said Leah Shahum, director of the national Vision Zero Network.

Although some drivers inevitably complain about slower traffic and more tickets, there was a "transformative shift in prioritizing safe mobility" underway across the country, Shahum said.

"No one is against

zero traffic deaths. That said, the reality is that behaviors can be hard to change. There will likely be more pushback," Shahum said.

Vision Zero starts from the premise that all accidents are preventable. Traffic engineers and driver safety experts know how to reduce casualties, which are largely related to poor road design, speeding, alcohol and the lack of seat belts.

Still, tens of thousands of people die on U.S. roads every year. The toll fell to 32,675 in 2014 from 44,599 in 1990, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

In the agency's latest report, covering the first nine months of 2015, traffic deaths nationwide rose 9.3 percent from the same period of 2014.

Experts warn against reading too much into any short-term fluctuation in those national statistics, saying traffic deaths are affected by gas prices, employment and other factors independent of safety standards.

But they stress that the main causes can all be addressed through public policy. **REUTERS**

Vision Zero's effect on NYC roads

Mayor Bill de Blasio made New York the first U.S. city to adopt Vision Zero when he launched it shortly after taking office in 2014.

By 2015, annual traffic fatalities in New York City had fallen to a record low of **231**, a **22 percent** drop from 2013 and the lowest since record-keeping began in 1910, the mayor's office said.

Pedestrian deaths, which are high in NYC given how many people walk as part of their public transport commute, fell **27 percent** over the same two years to a historic low of **134**.

Road engineering for safety has reduced fatalities in NYC by **34 percent**, the city said, twice the rate of improvement at other locations, but it also requires money.

The first phase of the Queens Boulevard redesign cost **\$1.4 million** and the price tag for citywide safety related changes planned this year is **\$115 million**.

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Bed-Stuy townhouse listed for \$2.9M reportedly once home to Jackie Robinson

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This Stuyvesant Heights home scores a home run with buyers in more ways than one.

The Romanesque Revival-style brownstone just went on sale for \$2.875 million in a historic district of Bedford-Stuyvesant.

According to its listing, future homeowners will be impressed with the 1892 home's classic details, including six decorative fireplaces, six sliding pocket doors, pocket shutters, original tin ceilings, paneled wainscoting with carved moldings, parquet wood floors, stained glass and original built-in cabinets.

Located at 407 Stuyvesant Avenue, and only a block from the A and C trains at Utica Avenue, the townhouse is currently an owner's triplex with a two-bedroom rental unit on the top floor.

But if those details



happen to strike out with potential buyers, then maybe they'll like that baseball legend Jackie Robinson reportedly once called the



407 Stuyvesant Avenue HALSTEAD

marked four-story home, but also, according to its brokers, chose it as his first Brooklyn residence.

Robinson famously lived at 5224 Tilden Avenue in East Flatbush during his early seasons with the Brooklyn Dodgers, later moving to Addisleigh Park in Queens, where he lived from 1949 to 1955. There is also documentation of him once living in Bed-Stuy, but at 526 MacDonough Street.

The blog adds that "when the current owners moved in [to the Stuyvesant Heights home] they found a treasure trove of memorabilia."

place home.

Real estate blog 6sqft reported that the first African-American to play in the major leagues not only lived in the land-

A pair of Bronx stabbings leave two dead

Two unrelated stabbings in the Bronx have left two men dead as police continue to investigate both homicides.

Just after 7 p.m. on Wednesday night, police arrived near the corner of Bedford Park Boulevard and Decatur Avenue where they found Daniel Pena, 23, with at least

two stab wounds in his torso, the NYPD reported.

Authorities told the New York Daily News that Pena, with only a short time left to live, refused to tell police who had stabbed him.

Pena, whom police believe was stabbed in the courtyard of the building at 2953 Decatur Av-

enue, was taken to Saint Barnabas Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Around 10:30 p.m., police responded to another report of a stabbing victim in the Bronx, authorities stated.

At 1521 Sheridan Avenue, Willie Lopez, 32, was found in a sixth-floor hallway on the floor

with a stab wound in his chest, according to police.

Lopez was later pronounced dead at Bronx Lebanon Hospital, officials added. There were no arrests in either stabbing, and police are still investigating both incidents.

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Skelos gets five years in prison for corruption

Prosecutors were seeking a term of 12-15 years for the former NY Senate majority leader.

Former New York Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos was sentenced on Thursday to five years in prison, the second time in 10 days that a powerful legislative leader faced incarceration after a crackdown on state capital corruption.

U.S. District Judge Kimba Wood in Manhattan imposed the penalty on Skelos, 68, and also sentenced Adam Skelos, his 33-year-old son, to 6 1/2 years in prison following their convictions in December on charges of extortion, fraud and

bribe solicitation.

Prosecutors had sought a prison term approaching 12 1/2 to 15 2/3 years for Dean Skelos, who was also ordered to pay a \$500,000 fine. He and his son were also ordered to forfeit an additional \$334,120.

The former senator received less than half the 12 years in prison that his counterpart in the state Assembly, former Speaker Sheldon Silver, received earlier this month for collecting millions of dollars in illegal kickbacks.

The convictions of Skelos, a Republican from Long Island, and Silver, a Democrat, represented major wins for Manhattan U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara, who has criticized Albany for having

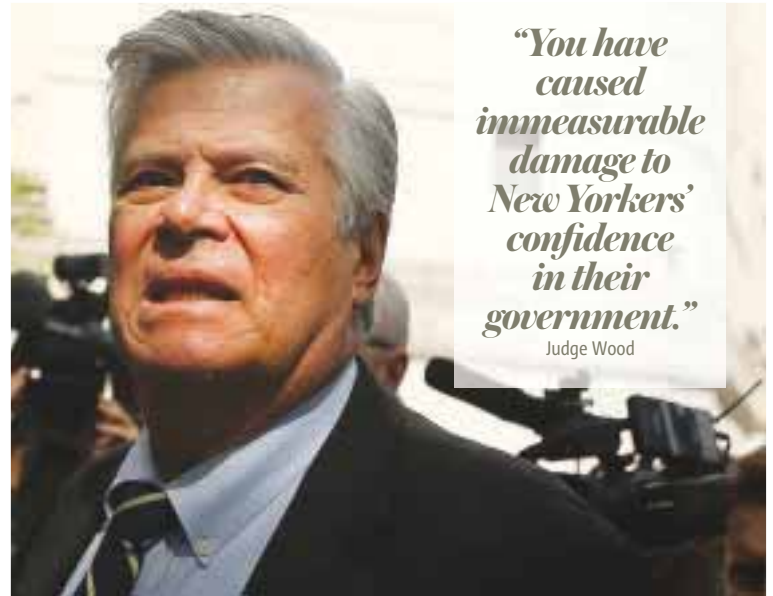
"one of the most corrupt governments in the nation."

The two trials took place at the same time last year, painting a damning portrait of systemic official misconduct in Albany.

"The people of New York deserve better," Bharara said in a statement.

At least 14 New York state legislators have been convicted of federal corruption-related crimes in the last 10 years, including John Sampson, a former leader of the Senate Democrats who is scheduled to be sentenced next week.

Prosecutors accused Dean Skelos of forcing companies with business before the state to pay his son, with the threat of los-



Dean Skelos GETTY IMAGES

"You have caused immeasurable damage to New Yorkers' confidence in their government."

Judge Wood

ing his political support as a cudgel.

The companies, which have not been charged, included real estate developer Glenwood Management, environmental technology company AbTech Holdings Inc. and malpractice insurer PRI.

Through those schemes, prosecutors said, the Skeloses sought more than \$760,000 in extortion payments,

bribes and gratuities, and ultimately obtained more than \$334,000.

Both Dean and Adam Skelos plan to appeal their convictions. Before he was sentenced, Dean Skelos told the judge he was "deeply remorseful," and both men urged leniency for the other.

Wood, the judge, said Skelos' crimes had consequences beyond the illicit profits he and his son had

obtained.

"You have caused immeasurable damage to New Yorkers' confidence in their government," she said.

Bharara's office accelerated its Albany investigations after Gov. Andrew Cuomo abruptly shut down an anti-corruption panel in March 2014 as part of a deal with state legislators for a package of ethics reforms. **REUTERS**

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3 Trains run local in both directions between 34th St-Penn Station and Chambers St

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5 No trains between Parkchester and Pelham Bay Park

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NYPD: Suspect in police-involved shooting bit officer

An overnight traffic stop escalated into a police-involved shooting when a suspect sped off with an officer inside his vehicle and others in pursuit.

Just before 11 p.m. on Wednesday, police on Hollis Avenue near 212th Street in Queens stopped a silver Mercedes Benz for traffic violations, police reported. The driver, though, refused an officer's order to put the car in park after police had approached the vehicle.

A sergeant opened the passenger door and attempted to engage the driver — identified by police as Ramell Lockwood, 34, of Hempstead, Long Island — but he sped off with the officer inside his car, according to authorities.

The driver, with the sergeant, headed east on Hollis Avenue, but was forced to stop by pursuing officers at 217th



Police said they retrieved this handgun from the suspect. **NYPD**

Street, police stated. Inside, the sergeant struggled with the driver, who got out of the car and revealed that he had a firearm.

The sergeant shot the man in the leg, and he was taken into custody by the responding officers after a struggle, authorities reported. A loaded semiautomatic handgun was recovered from the suspect.

One officer was allegedly bitten by Lockwood as he was apprehended, according to police. Five officers and the suspect, in stable condition, were taken to area hospitals for treatment.

Lockwood has been charged with assault, criminal possession of a weapon, menacing, reckless endangerment and resisting arrest, police added. **JASON NUCKOLLS**



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Secret section of Central Park reopens for first time in decades

A portion of Central Park that few people knew about is set to be open to the public during the summer for the first time since the 1930s.

The Hallett Nature Sanctuary, an area closed since 1934, remained completely untouched until 2001 when the Central Park Conservancy began work on its restoration, Pix11 reported. Members of the public will now be able to see it for themselves.

Located on a peninsula in the pond near the southeast corner of the park, the sanctuary has new pathways and benches, the New York Times reported. The benches were a gift from Sima Ghadadian and her husband Morad, nearby residents who have contributed to the area's restoration.

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The newly restored paths, once overrun with invasive plant species, now guide visitors to waterfalls and vistas, ABC7 reported. JASON NUCKOLLS

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Report: Doping program behind Russian medals at Sochi Olympic games

The report is broadly consistent with revelations by an independent World Anti-Doping Agency commission last November of widespread state-sponsored doping in Russia.

Dozens of Russian athletes who competed at the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics, including at least 15 medal winners, were part of a state-run doping program, The New York Times reported on Thursday.

Unless that ban is lifted, Russian athletics competitors will miss the Rio Olympics in Brazil, set to run Aug. 5-21.

According to The New York Times report, which



A Sochi gold medal GETTY IMAGES

is based largely on evidence from Grigory Rodchenkov, the director of the country's anti-doping laboratory during the Sochi Olympics, those involved included some of Russia's biggest stars of the Games, including 14 members of its cross-country ski team and two veteran bobsledders who won two golds.

The newspaper said it could not independently verify Rodchenkov's account of the doping operation. Reuters was not able to verify details of

The New York Times report.

Russian anti-doping experts and members of the intelligence services secretly broke into tamper-proof bottles to replace urine samples tainted by performance-enhancing drugs with clean urine collected months earlier, The New York Times reported, citing Rodchenkov, who ran Russia's drug testing lab.

By the end of the 2014 Olympics, as many as 100 dirty urine samples were expunged, Rodchenkov told the newspaper.

Rodchenkov resigned from his position last November after the Moscow-based laboratory he oversaw stopped operating when its accreditation was suspended by WADA.

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Report: Zimmerman offers gun used to kill Martin on new auction site

The Florida man who shot and killed black teenager Trayvon Martin, triggering nationwide civil rights protests, put his gun on a second auction website on Thursday after it was dropped by a firearm auction site that said it wanted no part in the sale.

The one-day auction of George Zimmerman's pistol

initially had been scheduled to start at 11 a.m., with a minimum price of \$5,000. But the website, GunBroker.com, said in a statement that it had rejected the user-generated listing created late on Wednesday and had no relationship with Zimmerman.

"We want no part in the listing on our website or in any of the publicity it is receiving," the statement said.

Zimmerman told the Or-

lando Sentinel the auction site was not prepared for the Web traffic and publicity surrounding the sale. He said the gun was for sale at unitedgungroup.com with the same \$5,000 starting bid, according to the newspaper.

In the earlier auction listing, Zimmerman had described the Kel Tec 9mm pistol as "a piece of American history." He told a local television station it was his to do with as he pleased, despite receiving death threats

over his plan to sell it.

"What I've decided to do is not cower," he told Orlando broadcaster WOFL. "I'm a free American. And I can do what I like with my possessions."

Zimmerman was acquitted of second-degree murder and manslaughter charges in the incident, which sparked civil rights rallies and brought scrutiny of Florida's controversial "stand your ground" law.

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Members of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) GETTY IMAGES

US has plans for a new wave of immigration deportation raids

U.S. immigration officials are planning a month-long series of raids in May and June to deport hundreds of Central American mothers and children found to have entered the country illegally, according to sources and an internal document seen by Reuters.

The operation would likely be the largest deportation sweep targeting immigrant families by the administration of President Barack Obama this year after a similar drive over two days in January that focused on Georgia, Texas, and North Carolina.

Those raids, which resulted in the detention of 121 people, mostly women and children, sparked an outcry from immigration advocates and criticism from some Democrats, including the party's presidential election frontrunner Hillary Clinton.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has now told field offices nationwide to launch a 30-day "surge" of arrests focused on mothers and children who have already been told to leave the United States, the document seen by Reuters said. The operation would also cover minors who have entered the country without a guardian and since turned 18 years of age, the document said. Two sources confirmed the details of the plan.

The exact dates of the latest series of raids were not known and the details of the operation could change.

The operation in January marked a departure for ICE, part of the Department of Homeland Security, from one-off deportations to high-profile raids meant to deter migrants from coming to the United States.

An ICE spokeswoman said the agency does not "confirm or deny the existence of specific ongoing or future law enforcement actions." The spokeswoman said immigrants who arrived illegally after Jan. 1, 2014, are priorities for removal.

Federal resources were strained in 2014 under a wave of illegal migrants crossing the U.S.-Mexico border, especially women and children fleeing violence in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala.

The planned new raids are in response to a renewed surge of illegal entries by Central American women traveling with their children.

From October 2015 through March 2016, the U.S. Border Patrol apprehended more than 32,000 family "units," defined as mothers and children traveling together, for crossing illegally into the United States. Over the same period in 2014-2015, there were about 14,000 such apprehensions; in 2013-2014, about 19,800. REUTERS

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Senate sets votes on competing Zika funding plans

The first test votes on the measures, which would provide at least \$1.1 billion in new funds to deal with the spreading virus, were expected on Tuesday.

Three competing plans for battling a potential Zika virus outbreak in the United States were presented on the floor of the U.S. Senate on Thursday, as lawmakers tried to break an impasse pitting President Barack Obama against congressional Republicans.

In February, Obama urged Congress to quickly approve \$1.9 billion in emergency funds to deal with prevention and treatment of Zika virus, which the World Health Organization warns is spreading

rapidly in the Americas.

The disease, transmitted by mosquitoes, has been linked to the birth defect microcephaly and other severe brain abnormalities. It also is suspected of causing a rare neurological disorder, Guillain-Barre syndrome, that can result in paralysis.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest welcomed "any sort of forward momentum in Congress" while continuing to push for the full \$1.9 billion.

"It could not be clearer that Congress needs to take action to help our states and our local officials fight the Zika virus. That is critical for health and safety of the American people," Earnest said.

Florida's senators,

Bill Nelson, a Democrat, and Marco Rubio, a Republican, called for the full \$1.9 billion, saying \$1.1 billion was inadequate.

They noted that the Florida Department of Health has reported a total of 112 Zika virus cases, the most of any U.S. state, as the mosquito season goes into high gear with hotter temperatures.

One proposal now before the Senate would provide Obama with his full \$1.9 billion request for emergency funds. A second one would scale back Obama's request to \$1.1 billion.

These two options would not require spending cuts elsewhere to cover the Zika costs, Senate aides said.

A third one would

take money from Obamacare to pay for \$1.1 billion in Zika response funds.

Even if the Senate approves one of these proposals, its fate is uncertain in the House of Representatives, where Republicans are deeply divided over new Zika funding, according to aides.

Two senior Republican aides said the party's House leadership has been unable to formulate a plan on Zika legislation and is preoccupied with internal party strife over Donald Trump becoming the presumptive presidential nominee, as well as a deadlock over Puerto Rico debt legislation and a budget blueprint that has been stuck in the House. **REUTERS**

BRIEF

Facebook releases employee guidelines amid accusations of political bias

Facebook on Thursday emphasized that it does not permit its employees to block news stories from its "Trending Topics" list based on political bias, amid a controversy over how the social media superpower selects what news it displays.

Technology news website Gizmodo on Monday reported that a former Facebook employee said workers "routinely suppressed news stories of interest to conservative readers" while "artificially" adding other stories to the trending list.

The Gizmodo story triggered a reaction on social media, with several journalists and commentators raising concerns about alleged bias, and prompted a U.S. Senate inquiry.

The social media company, whose reach is global, had over a billion daily active users on average in March, according to statistics the company posted to its newsroom.

In a post published to Facebook's media relations section on Thursday, a senior company official outlined its "Trending Topics" guidelines at length. **REUTERS**



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US Catholics see pope's consideration on women's role as positive step

Some prominent U.S. Roman Catholic groups welcomed the news on Thursday that Pope Francis has agreed to consider allowing women to be ordained as deacons, though some cautioned the move would be only a limited first step toward equality.

The pope on Thursday told an international meeting of nuns that he would create a commission to consider the idea of ordaining women as deacons, who are able to perform some religious ceremonies such as marriages but do not have all the rights of priests.

"It will make a huge difference," said Deborah Rose-Milavec, executive director of FutureChurch, a Lakewood, Ohio-based

Catholic group that advocates the ordination of women as priests. Although allowing women to be ordained as deacons falls short of the group's eventual goal, Rose-Milavec said she viewed it as a step in the right direction.

"Any time you begin to break down one barrier, you see others crumble more," she said in a phone interview.

But David Clohessy, the St. Louis-based director of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, said it remained unclear how long the review would take or if Vatican officials would in the end agree.

"Those who fear women deacons, or favor them, should remember how slowly Francis moves," Clohessy said in a phone



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interview. "Any fear or hope that action might be taken soon should be tempered with that reality."

Allowing women to serve as deacons could help address the long decline in the number of American men who enter the priesthood.

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MANAGING THE MUTINY

Like a clipper ship at full sail, Hillary Clinton is sweeping toward the Democratic nomination. She has delegates in the hold, party elites at her back, and she clearly wants to tack toward the middle where general elections are won. But Bernie Sanders keeps forcing her to the left. The senator from Vermont, while still losing, is wildly outperforming expectations. She's won 23 states, but he's taken 19 — pirating many of the party's young voters in the process. And liberals love him.

This is no small matter. Over the past 15 years, a study by Pew has found that Dems who call themselves conservative or moderate have been retreating, while self-described liberals have been rising. They are now the biggest faction in the party, and many have been disappointed by the lukewarm liberalism of

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the Obama White House.

They can hardly contain their glee when Sanders raises his fist and shakes his gray mane in righteous fury. Down with the rich! Up with working folks! Free college for all! Prepare yourself, Washington, you're about to be boarded!

So Clinton has been working the tiller, trying to steal his wind. She started off talking about pushing the minimum

wage up to \$12 an hour. He said \$15. Now she's right there with him.

He came into the race railing about the Keystone XL pipeline. After many long months of noncommittal statements, soon enough, she turned that way, too.

He's wanted a single-payer health insurance plan from the government for a long time, and just this week she took a big step in his direction.

Trade deals? He's a skeptic. She loves them — oh wait, look who is a skeptic now, too.

Like it or not, this is a smart strategy aimed at making sure all those mutineers against the party bosses settle down, give up on Sanders and fall in line. Because she knows when the true buccaneer of politics these days, Donald Trump, sails into the bay with his cutlass slashing the autumn air, she may need all hands on deck.

BRIEF

Trump, Ryan meet in bid to heal fractured Republican Party

Donald Trump and House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan emerged from a meeting on Thursday declaring they had taken steps toward healing fissures in the party but that differences remained.

A joint statement issued by the insurgent candidate and the leader of establishment Republicans cast a positive spin on a session aimed at getting to know each other better and searching for common ground as Trump sought to rally more party loyalists behind him.

"This was our first meeting, but it was a very positive step toward unification," the statement said.

Party leaders are normally eager to rally around a presidential nominee to combine forces for the battle leading up to November's general election. But Ryan has withheld his endorsement of Trump out of concern over the billionaire businessman's incendiary tone and policy ideas, which run counter to longtime Republican doctrine. **REUTERS**



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Republicans win Obamacare legal challenge

A U.S. judge on Thursday handed a victory to congressional Republicans who challenged President Barack Obama's signature healthcare law, ruling that his administration overstepped its constitutional powers relating to government spending.

U.S. District Judge Rosemary Collyer, based in Washington, ruled that the administration cannot spend billions of dollars in federal funds to provide

subsidies under the law known as Obamacare to private insurers without the approval of Congress.

At issue in the case, brought by the Republican-led House of Representatives, are reimbursements to insurance companies to compensate them for reductions that the law requires them to make to customers' out-of-pocket medical payments. **REUTERS**

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The last dregs of winter are officially gone, and sunny days are here to tempt us back to the city's rivers. Though it's still a bit chilly for swimming — unless you're a Polar Bear Club member — there are plenty of other ways to enjoy NYC's waters this season.

Rivers

Intensive cleanup efforts have made the 23-mile Bronx River a haven, and the Bronx River Alliance

leads canoeing and kayaking trips beginning in June through the end of October. The length and cost of the trips vary, from free to \$45. Bronxriver.org

Liberty State Park really makes that PATH trip worthwhile, with two-hour kayak tours of the Hudson estuary. Paddle within view of the Statue of Liberty while learning about the river's flora and fauna. Tours are \$20 and run 10 a.m.-noon on select Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from June to September. Must be 16+; registration is required. State.nj.us

Parks

Taking a row boat out onto the lake in front of

the Loeb Boathouse in Central Park has been a tradition for 150 years. Boats hold up to four people (small children allowed) and can be rented for \$12 per hour (cash only) from 10 a.m. until sunset. Or take a gondola tour for \$45 per half hour. Thecentralparkboathouse.com

At Flushing Meadows Corona Park, head to Wheel Fun Rentals at the northern edge of Meadow Lake to get on the water in a solo or two-person kayak (\$15/\$22), or two- or four-person paddle boat (\$20/\$30). Rates are hourly, and the last boat rental is two hours before sunset. Wheelfunrentals.com

More

It's possibly the city's

least glamorous waterway, but there are plenty of reasons to explore the Gowanus Canal. The Gowanus Dredgers Canoe Club will lend you a vessel for a self-guided tour (they provide the map) along five miles of the canal. There's a suggested donation of \$5 per person; trips are by appointment only. Second Street near Bond Street, Gowanuscana.org

Registration is open for OutdoorFest, a 10-day exploration of all the natural wonder in the concrete jungle. Among its water-going opportunities are a circumnavigating Governors Island by kayak, 101-level classes in paddleboarding, sailing and rowing, and for the hardest

Get on the water for free in a canoe or kayak — the catch is it's only for 20 minutes.

Red Hook Boaters — Paddle the inlet at Louis Valentino Jr. Pier Park; boaters are asked to volunteer a little time cleaning up the beach before or after their trip.

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among us, surfing on Rockaway Beach. June 10-19, Outdoorfest.com

Take the L train all the way to the end of the line to find the Sebago Canoe Club in Canarsie, which offers guided kayaking of Jamaica Bay to the public on Wednesday (5:30 p.m.) and Saturday

Brooklyn Bridge Park Boathouse — Take a brief foray into the East River from Pier 2 beginning June 4 on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Long Island City Boathouse — Beginning May 30, check their schedule to pair your visit to Socrates Sculpture Park (31-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City) with a free paddle of Halletts Cove in a canoe or kayak. Single boaters may be paired with someone else or a volunteer. All ages welcome.

(9:30 a.m.) beginning May 31 through Sept. 5. The volunteer-run nonprofit charges \$10 to cover insurance fees and doesn't take reservations, so get there early. Excursions last up to two hours, and guest lecturers do accompany some trips. Ages 16+, Sebagocanoecub.org

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John C. Reilly, Ben Whishaw and Colin Farrell are looking for love in "The Lobster." A24

"The Lobster"

Director: Yorgos Lanthimos
Stars: Colin Farrell, Rachel Weisz

Rating: R
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"The Lobster" isn't technically a comedy, but it has more jokes than most Adam Sandler movies, and quite a lot more that actually land. They're not nice jokes. The laughs, which come early and often, stick in the throat. The alterna-world

Greek director Yorgos Lanthimos ("Dogtooth") creates is a grim yet silly (yet very, very grim) one: Single people are rounded up and sequestered in a posh, country hotel, where they're given 45 days to find a mate. If they fail, they're turned into an animal (of their choice, charitably). Our hero, a mustachioed sadsack played with dry commitment by Colin Farrell, has chosen a lobster. Why? Because they live long and he likes the sea.

It's important that "The

Lobster" is consistently funny. Otherwise it might send us walking in front of a bus. It still does damage. It's life viewed at its most pessimistically — not just to get us down but to force us, like the best absurdist works, to re-examine the everyday cruelties we take for granted. Lanthimos and co-writer Efthymis Filippou's most obvious target is love and relationships, priming us to question how much pairing off is a result of social systems

as opposed to, if you will, animal instincts.

But love isn't the only thing stuck in the film's craw. When the story takes an abrupt mid-film shift into the woods — introducing us to rebels so down with love that they're as draconian as those in the hotel — "The Lobster" reveals itself to be as cockeyed about relationships as about systems in general. It's a rare film that wants to make use think that does just that.

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Tom Hiddleston looks good while trying to stay alive in "High-Rise." MAGNOLIA PICTURES

"High-Rise"

Director: Ben Wheatley
Stars: Tom Hiddleston, Luke Evans

Rating: R
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Released in 1975, J.G. Ballard's "High-Rise" reads like a hilarious prophecy. It's a book for today's gloomy pessimist, perfect for a time when America's presidential election has activated deep-seated prejudices, when social media inspires tribalism and mob justice, when we appear to have become apathetic architects of our own destruction. The new film adaptation sort of gets this, if you look at it askew, if you give it the benefit of the doubt. Ben Wheatley and screenwriter Amy Jump (of the also darkly hilarious murderers-in-love romp "Sightseers") have taken an allegorical work long presumed unfilmable and turned in a mad, decadent, productively exhausting, darkly funny yet sometimes overly literal interpretation.

Wheatley and Jump still get a lot right. Retaining the book's shag hair and sideburns-heavy '70s setting, it beholds the fall of a high-tech apartment complex, the kind where everything seems modern, all amenities are

on the grounds and no one ever has to go outside except for work (if that). Our guide to the insanity is Robert Laing (Tom Hiddleston), a mild-mannered doctor who doesn't fit in with the aristo-loving richies in the upper floors nor anyone else. There's no single incident that causes the rift, but very quickly the floors become trash-strewn battlegrounds, swank parties turn into violent orgies and not even dogs are safe when the in-house supermarket runs out of stock. Most chilling of all, almost everyone seems to prefer it that way.

This "High-Rise" is peerless at nasty sight gags: a dead man's head comfortably buried inside a smashed television set, a swimming pool filled with fresh corpses, an Alsatian leg twirling lovingly over a patio fire. Yet it can't help feel Wheatley and Jump are simply better at stirring up an endless, out-of-control stream of mayhem than they are slipping in deeper thought, whereas Ballard could do both with a swagger that betrayed no effort. This "High-Rise" goes as crazy as its characters, and it doesn't even arrive at the same unnerving end point as the source. Still, the finale it finds instead will do in a pinch. Ditto the film. MP

"Money Monster"

Director: Jodie Foster
Stars: George Clooney, Julia Roberts
Rating: R

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Here's something that makes no sense: A movie about corruption on Wall Street starring George Clooney is more pulpy than preachy, even goofy. In "Money Monster," lessons about unregulated brokers take up a modicum of real estate, but it's barely a pittance compared to bigger questions: Will the cops thwart a working class antihero ("Unbroken's" Jack O'Connell) who's taken a Jim Cramer-style TV stocks guru (Clooney) hostage? Or are we supposed to root for him to survive? Will his potentially fatal antics expose the real baddie, a hedge fund greed freak (Dominic West)? Unlike most genre entries with a lefty bent, "Money Monster" actually seems like it forgot to



George Clooney isn't afraid to look stupid in Jodie Foster's thriller "Money Monster." **ATSUSHI NISHIJIMA**

place message over the goods, to our benefit.

But this isn't just a nailbiter, albeit a frequently preposterous one. Director Jodie Foster takes a page from one of her acting gigs — Spike Lee's bank heist great "Inside Man" — and gives it real personality. It's a film of jokes and verve, and it's quick to make Clooney's egomaniacal TV god look like an idiot. Neither male protagonist comes off well, not even O'Connell's working class semi-hero, who spouts the film's only block of righteous anger but still quickly

comes off like a Regular Joe in way, way over his head.

The real bada— is the show's director played by Julia Roberts. Once again the star proves she's eked out an underappreciated second life as dry and amusingly remote, as opposed to toothy and giggly. Coolly keeping a lid on things from the control booth, she's like Foster: someone able to take what could be a heinous situation — in this case an inane thriller with pretensions of grandeur — and make it charming and alive. **MATT PRIGGE**

"Love & Friendship"

Director: Whit Stillman
Stars: Kate Beckinsale, Xavier Samuel
Rating: R

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Has there ever been a bigger no-brainer than Whit Stillman adapting Jane Austen? The filmmaker has namechecked her since his 1990 debut, "Metropolitan," and they share many of the same obsessions: drolly articulate dialogue; lovelorn, overly self-examining young people; hangs with the higher class in which money is still an ever-present issue.

But Stillman doesn't come at Austen the easy way. Not only has he adapted a lesser-known work — the teenage novella "Lady Susan," unfinished and published posthumously — but one written in an epistolary format (that is, entirely as letters).



Kate Beckinsale (with Tom Bennett) schemes through the world of Jane Austen in "Love & Friendship." **ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS**

Stillman has to unpack a tangled narrative on top of expanding it, and on top of conjuring up his own army of quips that can suitably pass for Austenese.

It's also not your typical tale of moony proposals and hunky men emerging wet from lakes. "Lady Susan" follows a 30-something widow (Kate Beckinsale, razor sharp) who's cunning and acid-tongued, not ginger and romantic. Searching for a replacement husband, she plows through an endless succession of prim drawing rooms, ma-

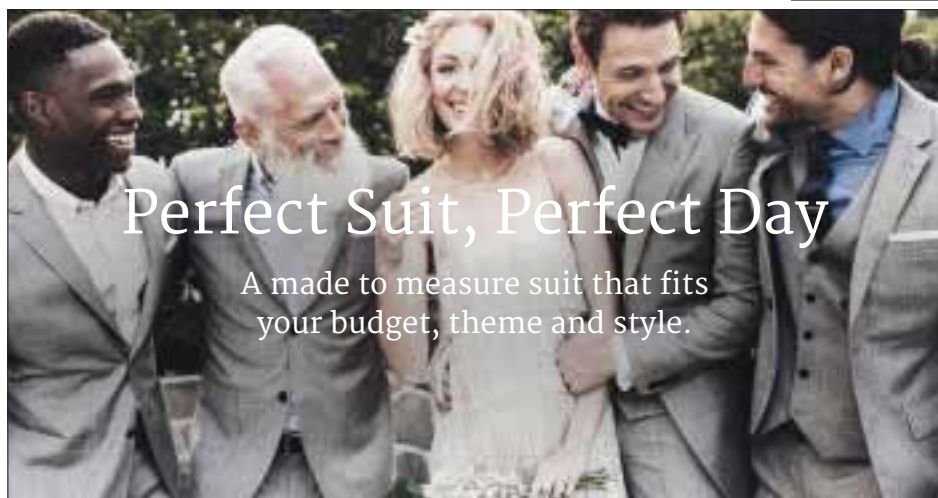
nipulating demonically proper richies who find the thought of a woman of her age on the prowl not a little bit vexing.

Despite the 13-year gap between "The Last Days of Disco" and his delightful comeback film, "Damsels in Distress," Stillman is funnier than he's ever been, and he cuts Austen down to jokes and carefully embedded social outrage. Its women have to scheme, have to be ruthless just to survive. It's the rare Austen film where the corset doesn't feel tied too tight. **MP**

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Fans were shocked when the flirty Drew Peralas (Lenny Platt) became mired in "Quantico's" terrorism plot. PHILIPPE BOSSE, ABC

The enemy within

Lenny Platt talks becoming the prime suspect on "Quantico" and what comes next.



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Among television dramas, "Quantico" is the new "24." Tuning in each week to watch Bollywood actress Priyanka Chopra attempt to get to the bottom of the terrorist plot unfolding inside the FBI is not for the faint of heart.

Turns out it's even more harrowing for the actors who make up the show's ensemble cast.

"[Executive Producer] Josh Safra is on the record as saying the only person that's safe is Priyanka," says Lenny Platt, who portrays new agent trainee Drew Peralas. "It's definitely tense when we get our scripts every week."

Bringing movies into the real world

When Platt isn't on set, he's busy working as executive producer of BBQ Films, an event company that produces "immersive cinematic experiences" that bring characters and scenes to life for the audience. "It's like being inside your favorite movie," Platt says. "You're in a venue that feels like it's part of the movie."

Previous productions have included a screening of

"Back to the Future" in a high school gym and a "Beetlejuice" wedding at a nightclub. The next event will be themed after the original "Ghostbusters," coming to Brooklyn in June. "We're creating a new Ghostbusters headquarters in Williamsburg," he tells us. "The storyline is that the rent is too high in Manhattan, so the Ghostbusters have to move to Brooklyn."

"Quantico," which will wrap up its first season Sunday at 10 p.m. on ABC, is similar in that way to "Game of Thrones," with both shows' plot twists being closely guarded by producers.

"We're kept in the dark about the process," he explains. "We get the scripts on Friday and have to shoot in a couple of days." (And, yes, right up

until filming last week's big reveal they had been left to speculate among themselves about who the terrorist would turn out to be.)

After winning fans over early in the series, it's been a rough few weeks for Platt's character, Drew, as he became deeply ensnared in the terror plot, which at one point led him to

become the FBI's prime suspect. Then, just as it was revealed he'd been framed, a literal bombshell shook the show last week — and his fate remains uncertain.

Here in the real world, "Quantico" fans were less than thrilled to see their former favorite suddenly become evil. "I got some pretty amazing GIFs," he says of the moment it seemed clear Drew was not who viewers thought he was. "I got tweets saying people felt upset and betrayed. I liked it. It meant that I was doing my job right."

Going into the season finale, the terrorist was revealed to be Liam O'Connor, the trainer who's been working with the new agents, including Drew and Chopra's character, Alex. Does this mean the mystery is finally solved? "The audience is smart," Platt says. "They know there's one episode left."

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When should you cut the cord on a disappointing player? It's a question every fantasy owner grapples with as they watch a player expected to be a cornerstone endure another hitless night or get knocked around. It can be a tremendous relief to shuck the burden of dead weight, but there's always the chance your fallen star ascends again after you've moved on.

Sometimes you'll be wrong, and that's OK. Even championship seasons usually carry their share of ill-fated transactions. But getting it right more often than not is the goal, so let's talk about some struggling players' rest-of-season outlooks. This week, we'll talk pitchers.

David Price

It's fair to say nobody expected Price to be carrying an ERA near 7.00 in his first season with the Red Sox. We can see from the usual luck indicators that Price has been fairly snakebitten in the early going. His strand rate is the lowest of any starter in baseball, and his BABIP (batting averages on balls in play) is fourth-highest. Both are light years away from his career norms. His strikeouts are up as well. But there are a few things to be concerned about, the major one being

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his diminished velocity. He's allowing significantly harder contact as a result, which calls into question how much the BABIP is poor luck and how much is simply being more hittable. Price is reportedly working on fixing a mechanical issue that may be playing a role. Given his track record and the fact that velocity tends to increase as the weather warms, he seems like a safe bet to bounce back.

Verdict: Wait it out.

Sonny Gray

Like Price, Gray is an established pitcher allowing his opponents to put up a bunch of crooked numbers on the scoreboard. In fact, Price's Red Sox just smoked him for seven runs and chased him in the fourth inning Monday night. Here we also see a BABIP well above the player's career mark, but more worrisome is the increase in walks and home runs allowed. Unlike most aces, Gray has never been a big strikeout pitcher, but he's getting even fewer swings and misses than usual.

Without the ability to blow hitters away, Gray is much more vulnerable to slumps or runs of rotten luck. And it's tempting to hand-wave away his struggles as one of those things. His velocity is more or less normal and his release point is consistent, so the easiest answer (injury) seems unlikely. Whatever's going on, though, it's taken away his touch and feel with his breaking pitches. Those are his bread and butter, and it's had an obvious effect on his performance. Perhaps, like Price, he's suffering from a problem with mechanics. But if so, he hasn't figured out what it is, and he doesn't have Price's track record of successful tinkering with his delivery — or his raw talent.

Verdict: Explore a trade.



Sonny Gray is proving to be vulnerable to slumps. GETTY IMAGES

More Melo drama



Carmelo Anthony wants the Knicks to hire former Cavaliers coach David Blatt, according to reports. Meanwhile, Knicks boss Phil Jackson is leaning toward retaining Kurt Rambis as coach. Anthony told Yahoo! that he has no plans to seek a trade despite recent rumors that he wanted out of New York. GETTY IMAGES

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The Mets continue their West Coast swing this weekend, visiting the Colorado Rockies, while the Yankees play host to the AL-leading White Sox.

The Mets will try and make it 12 straight wins against the Rockies when Matt Harvey gets the ball on Friday. It's been a shaky season so far for "the Dark Knight," but he's coming off his best start of the year where he allowed two runs on only four hits to the Padres on Mother's Day. Rockies hitters have been baffled by Harvey in the past, putting up a collective .148 batting average against (54 ABs).

Countering for Colorado is Jon Gray, who has been completely ineffective in hitter-friendly Coors Field in seven career starts, allowing the opposition to bat a robust .394. Look for Yoenis Cespedes to continue his success

against the Oklahoma product (a double, a home run and four RBIs in five ABs).

Logan Verrett may make a spot start over Steven Matz (elbow inflammation) for the Mets on Saturday. Last August, Verrett allowed just one run to the Rockies in Coors Field while spot-starting for Harvey.

Responding for the Rockies is Eddie Butler, who was knocked around to the tune of six runs on seven hits in his lone start against the Mets last season.

Jacob deGrom takes the mound in Sunday's finale, and he has silenced Colorado's potent bats in the past. Charlie Blackmon, Carlos Gonzalez and Mark Reynolds have all failed to record a hit against deGrom (17 ABs), while Nolan Arenado is just 1-for-6 lifetime.

Tyler Chatwood goes for Colorado, and he recently had a 16.1 inning scoreless streak snapped in a shaky outing against the Diamondbacks last Monday.

White Sox vs. Yankees

Friday the 13th could prove very unlucky for



Matt Harvey has an extremely important start for the Mets on Friday night. GETTY IMAGES

the Yankees as Chris Sale (7-0, 1.79 ERA) is slated to take the hill against them. Sale is 3-1 with a 1.21 ERA in six career starts against the Bombers, and Carlos Beltran and Chase Headley are

the only Yankees to record a home run against Sale.

Luis Severino, who has gotten off to a dreadful start (0-5, 6.12 ERA), will be Sale's opposite number. Severino shut

down a disinterested Chicago squad last September, but with tape of him to study, the White Sox offense may be tough to stop this time around.

The Yankees will see another southpaw

in Jose Quintana on Saturday, and he has a 0.86 ERA in his last three starts (21.0 IP). As a team the Yankees have hit a collective .115 against the Colombia native and that includes an 0-for-11 mark posted by Starlin Castro.

Ivan Nova will make his second start of the season, and while he couldn't get through five innings for a decision on Monday, he held the fort against Kansas City while the Yankees slugged their way to a win. Nova has a 0.75 ERA at home in 12.0 IP this year.

The series wraps up on Sunday as Masahiro Tanaka gets the ball for the Bombers against Miguel Gonzalez. Former Blue Jays Brett Lawrie and Dioner Navarro have seen Tanaka plenty of times in the past, but haven't been able to solve him; they are 4-for-25 combined against Tanaka. Despite a rough outing on Tuesday, Tanaka is still carrying a solid 3.11 ERA.

Gonzalez, who was a member of the Orioles the last four seasons, has made 12 career starts against the Yankees, and is 3-4 with a 4.03 ERA in those starts.

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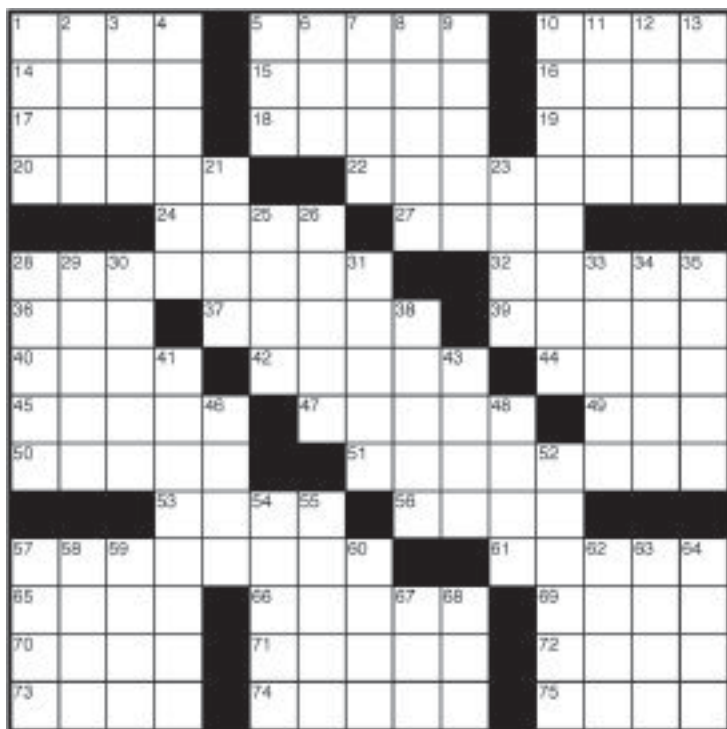
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- 24 Vine valley
- 27 Fall in winter
- 28 Germane
- 32 Mamas' bandmates
- 36 RN employer
- 37 Understudy
- 39 Sap derivative
- 40 Bolt measure
- 42 Tendon
- 44 Like some losers
- 45 Back to the salt —
- 47 Quotes from
- 49 By way of
- 50 Vote in
- 51 Footwear (2 wds.)
- 53 Italian coin
- 56 "Fire" gem
- 57 Windings
- 61 Deadly tree snake
- 65 Hairdo feature
- 66 Festoon

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- 69 Art colony town
- 70 River in Russia
- 71 Snicker (hyph.)
- 72 Uses poor judgment
- 73 Say no
- 74 Battery's "+" end
- 75 Insect repellent

Down

- 1 Clenched hand
- 2 Gummy
- 3 Roulette color
- 4 Chant
- 5 Prolonged howl
- 6 Summer cooler
- 7 Hangs back

- 8 Weary exhales
- 9 Pyromaniac's crime
- 10 Paths
- 11 Jai —
- 12 Feeling blue
- 13 Warbled
- 21 Emerging magma
- 23 Ticket givers
- 25 Felt liners
- 26 Prank
- 28 Jingle
- 29 USPS rival
- 30 Ben on "Bonanza"
- 31 Pick-me-up
- 33 Utah city
- 34 Mr. Goldfinger
- 35 Command to Rover
- 38 Nostalgic look
- 41 Fairly
- 43 Exude moisture
- 46 Beefcake model
- 48 Did like the "fishies" do
- 52 On the agenda
- 54 Vaquero's rope
- 55 Limerick writer — Nash
- 57 Future fries
- 58 — Krishna
- 59 Persia, once
- 60 Carnaby Street locale
- 62 Plain on the moon
- 63 Crashing —
- 64 Helper (abbr.)
- 67 Flaming
- 68 Before marriage

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Aries It's up to you to bring about change. Don't wait for others to make the first move. Getting involved in the action and showing what you have to offer will turn heads.



Taurus Don't let your emotions cause problems. An impulsive move will result in regret, especially if it has to do with making a personal change. Make romance a priority.



Gemini Listen to what others are saying, assess their words and refrain from sharing personal information. A false sense of security will take you in a precarious direction. Avoid temptation.



Cancer Let your intuition guide you. An unusual position will have more to offer than you realize. Consider making a change based on the information that someone trustworthy offers.



Leo You may yearn for change, but consider who will be affected by the choices you make. Get approval from those you love first. Sharing your plan will alleviate doubt.



Virgo Don't let domestic problems cloud your vision. Look at the end result, not at what it takes to get there, and base your next move on what's best for you. Romance is highlighted.

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Libra Personal investments are favored. Draw up agreements and get any documentation in place. Preparation will make the difference when you are ready to take action.



Scorpio Partnerships will have an impact on the way you move forward. Getting involved in group efforts or doing things with friends, a loved one or children will encourage positive change.



Sagittarius Stick close to home and avoid people who propose unrealistic schemes. Problems while traveling or dealing with institutions will be costly. Learn from past mistakes.



Capricorn Take the initiative and get your plans up and running. Share your thoughts and let the people you care about know how you feel. Romance will improve your life.



Aquarius Don't be too quick to agree to something that doesn't suit your needs. You may have to go it alone in order to get what you want. Don't fold under pressure.



Pisces Take another look at old ideas and plans that you never developed. Refuse to let the demands of others stop you from doing what you need to do. Follow your heart. **EUGENIA LAST**

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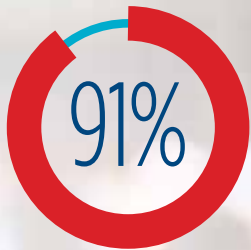
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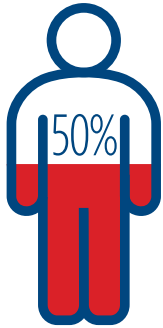
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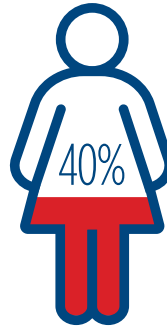
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